

REMARKS

This is an amendment after final action filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 and 1.116 in response to the final Office Action dated July 11, 2003. This request for reconsideration only includes claim cancellations; no wording changes have been made in any of the remaining amendments. In accordance with 37 C.F. R. 1.116. Applicants respectfully request allowance of this application with the allowed claims, so that it can pass to issue in an expeditious manner.

I. Allowed Claims

Page 4 of the final Office Action stated that claims 10 to 15, 20 and 21 were already allowed.

II. Claims 16 and 17

Claims 16 and 17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. While being enabling for treatment of the listed diseases, the Office Action states that the specification does not provide a reasonable basis for concluding that the

specification is enabling for claims directed to prevention of the listed diseases.

Claims 16 and 17 have been canceled, obviating their rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

III. Claims 18 and 19

Claims 18 to 19 were only objected to for lack of clear wording. A proposed change to correct this deficiency was provided on page 4 of the Office Action.

Nevertheless claims 18 and 19 have been canceled, obviating this objection to the claim wording. These claims have been canceled so that the above-identified U.S. Patent Application will be allowed in an expeditious manner and pass to issue as soon as possible.

Applicants understand that they have the right to file and may file a subsequent divisional application including method claims, such as claims 18 and 19.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

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